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## **AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 19, 2002, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

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Please amend claims 1, 8, 12, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 27 as follows.

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1. (Once Amended) A fireplace comprising:

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an enclosure defining a chamber;

a support structure having an ember support surface, said support surface being disposed within the chamber;

a plurality of translucent artificial embers including fused silica particles, wherein the translucent artificial embers are disposed upon but separable from said support surface; and

a light source positioned to pass light through at least a portion of the support structure to illuminate the translucent artificial embers.

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